

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1797**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1648**
Takeshi IZUMI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1856A
Serial No. 10/558,273 : Group Art Unit 1797
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METHODS AND EQUIPMENTS FOR
DEMINERALIZING CONDENSATE : **Mail Stop: AF**

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action of December 12, 2008, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Consideration After Final Rejection

Although these remarks are presented after final rejection, the Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully consider the remarks, as they clarify the Examiner's misunderstanding and place the application in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito et al. (U.S. 6,633,624) is respectfully traversed.